

## April 30, 2019 Wildlife Survey Report 2<sup>nd</sup> 80's Fire – La Porte - TX

## **Introduction:**

At 0800 on Sunday, April 07, 2019, Wildlife Response Services, LLC personnel Tom Hargis was mobilized and traveled to La Porte, TX to conduct wildlife surveys of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 80's Fire Release site.

## **Summary of Survey Conducted at Incident Site:**

On April 30, 2019 WRS Wildlife Biologists Tom Hargis, TPWD biologist, and CTEH air monitor met at the ICP, then traveled to Battleship TX State Historic Park. The team surveyed from our vehicles and on foot in areas that had been impacted and may be a threat to wildlife. Temperature highs were around 86° with mostly cloudy skies and winds from the SSE at 10-20 mph.

The wildlife survey team walked south along the San Juacinto River shoreline to the mouth of the Santa Anna Bayou (Figure 1). Seventeen least terns were seen adjacent to the mouth of Santa Anna Bayou on a sand flat at N29.74221°, W95.06775° (Figure 2). Three hazing cannons were set up along the shoreline to help prevent birds from occupying what may be product contaminated areas (Figure 3). The hazing cannons may not be effective at their current locations.



Figure 1. Mouth of Santa Anna Bayou.



Figure 2. Least terns near the mouth of Santa Anna Bayou.



Figure 3. Hazing canons along the shoreline of San Juacinto River.

Sheen was observed in Santa Anna Bayou at the waking trail bridge east of Pr1836N at N29.7408° W95.07203° (Figure 4). The sheen is upstream from where the seventeen least terns were and may have an impact on the tern's habitat.

No wildlife carcasses or impacted wildlife were seen today.



Figure 4. Sheen in Santa Anna Bayou upstream from where the least terns were located.

